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SUBJ: FULBRIGHT/LASPAU STUDENT PROGRAM, FY-77

REF: BRIGGS-LANE TELCON NOV. 29, LIMA 10696, STATE 282262

1. FULBRIGHT COMMISSION HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DISSATISFIED WITH UNILATERAL PROGRAMMING APPROACH OF LASPAU IN PERU, AND FEELS DISQUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN LATTER STAGES OF LASPAU SELECTION PROCEDURES WHEN IT HAD NO OPPORTUNITY PARTICIPATE DURING INITIAL STAGES. BELIEF EXISTS WITHIN COMMISSION THAT BINATIONAL PRINCIPLE IS AT LEAST PARTIALLY COMPROMISED BY LASPAU APPROACH, WHICH REDUCES COMMISSION TO PERFUNCTORY RUBBER-STAMP ROLE IN LASPAU PROGRAMS. THIS POSTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS COMMISSION DISINTEREST IN OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAM, SINCE COMMISSION DEDICATED TO INCREASING EXCHANGE BETWEEN U.S. AND PERU. EMBASSY CONCURS IN SUPPORT OF BINATIONAL PRINCIPLE INVOLVED.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE STRONGLY HELD VIEWS WITHIN COMMISSION CAN BE CHANGED QUICKLY. LONGER TERM EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED WITH LASPAU'S ASSISTANCE TO DEMONSTRATE TO COMMISSION THAT LASPAU PROGRAM IS CONSISTENT WITH COMMISSION'S PROGRAM AND THAT INDEED LASPAU PROGRAM CAN BECOME A JOINT EFFORT. WE RECOMMEND THAT LASPAU REPRESENTATIVE SEEK MEETING WITH COMMISSION PRIOR TO INITIATION OF FY-78 SELECTION PROCESS TO AGREE ON JOINT APPROACH WITH FULL COMMISSION PARTICIPATION.

3. IN MEANTIME, TO DEAL WITH IMMEDIATE PROBLEM, EMBASSY IS
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PREPARED IN ITS OWN NAME TO TRANSMIT FORMAL LASPAU NOTIFICATIONS

TO TOP TWO CANDIDATES, FERNANDEZ AND BENDAYAN. WE WOULD THEN
TAKE ACTIONS REQUESTED PARAS 3 AND 4 OF STATE 282262. PLEASE
ADVISE IF THIS APPROACH ACCEPTABLE.
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